

# BONHOMME RICHARD'S ALMANAC

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I have not yet begun to fight!"



# A STAR IN BLACK HISTORY MONTH: BISHOP JAMES AUGUSTINE HEALY

By Chaplain Roger Boucher

One of the memories I still have of the time I pastored a Catholic African-American church, St. John's in Waco, Texas, is the affection this community of Christians had for James Healy. Members of the congregation looked at a sketch of him when singing that great hymn: "We've Come This Far."

I would like to recall the history of this great Catholic church leader of the last century. Bishop Jim Healy came from Macon, Georgia. He was born on a plantation in Jones County on April 6, 1830, the son of Eliza Smith, a slave. His parents saved and sacrificed to place him in a Quaker school in Flushing, Long Island, N.Y., where he graduated with honors and went to the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass. in 1844, graduating in the very first class in 1849. From Worcester he went to study in the French speaking seminary in Montreal, Canada.

James Healy was eventually ordained a priest in the Cathedral of Notre Dame, Paris, France on June 10, 1854 and then transferred back to Boston where he served for 21 years as the first Chancellor of the Diocese of Boston. In addition to that important position, he was named the Pastor of the Cathedral, the most

important church of the Diocese. He was the pastor and builder of another church, St. James, in Boston.

He also became active in welfare work and civic life, played a decisive role in developing the Home for Destitute Catholic Children, the House of the Good Shepherd, St. Anne's Foundling Home, and the Catholic Laymen's Union.

In February 1875, he was named as the Bishop of the state of Maine. In the next 25 years, he governed this diocese, the largest in New England, and supervised the founding of my own home Diocese of New Hampshire. He led the founding of 60 parish churches, 68 church missions, 18 new schools and convents, and a series of welfare institutions. achieved recognition as a great preacher in various churches and appeared frequently as the featured speaker at society functions in all the New England States. He was a presidential nominee to be a consultant to the Bureau of Indian Affairs of the Department of the Interior. On his silver jubilee as a bishop, he was named assistant to the papal throne.

All this, in the last century, and, I believe, one of the giants whose star in the firmament shines brightly.

#### DOW JUMPS 198 POINTS

By Associated Press

A rally in oil stocks and some bargain hunting buoyed the Dow Jones industrials Tuesday. In a major turnaround from recent weeks, the strength in blue chips helped pull technology stocks out of a severe slump. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 198.25 points, or 1.85 percent, to 10,718.09. The NASDAO composite index, which tumbled as much as 127 points in earlier trading, closed up 2.22 points, to 4,420.77.

The Standard & Poor's 500-stock index rose 12.11 points, to 1,402.05. For a second session, the Dow held up better than the technology-dominated NASDAQ. Consumer products companies like Procter & Gamble and Minnesota Mining led the blue-chip index. Procter & Gamble rose 3 7/8, to 95 3/4, while 3M gained 6 1/4.

Analysts said the Dow was poised for a comeback after its 538.59-point drop last week, which knocked the index 11 percent below its January peak, within market watchers' traditional definition of a correction.

### **BONHOMME RICHARD'S**

# ALMANAC

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BUSH'S FUNDS DWINDLING LOW
By John M. Broder and Don Van
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The campaign of Gov. George W. Bush is spending close to \$3 million a week, a rate that has forced Bush finance officials to schedule a number of unplanned money-raising events in the coming weeks. The campaign's spending spree in the early primaries has left roughly \$20 million in Bush's campaign treasury.

Bush's campaign raised \$68 million in 1999, but spent \$37 million before the first vote was cast in Iowa last month. Bush spent an additional \$15 million in January and early February.

Bush is spending an estimated \$3.5 million to buy television advertising in South Carolina. In addition, the campaign is spending hundreds of thousands of dollars on phone banks, staff, travel, mailings and other operations.

### \* THURSDAY SITE TV SCHEDULE \*

CHANNEL 2
1030 Cafe Video
1100 Inventing the Abbotts
1630 Mr. Nice Guy
1800 Beverly Hills 90210
1800 Melrose
1900 Eyes Wide Shut
2200 Godzilla

CHANNEL 6
1030 Dharma & Greg
1100 Sister Act 2: Back in the Act
1630 Holy Man
1800 Iron Will
1900 Saving Private Ryan
2200 Home Fries

### NATIONAL/ INTERNATIONAL NEWS

## **EXECUTIVES GIVE OK ON INTERNET**By Neil A. Lewis

Executives from the nation's leading Internet companies told President Clinton at the White House that despite hacker attacks last week, they saw no need for an increase in government regulation of the industry. The meeting was organized months ago to discuss ways to prevent the World Wide Web from being used for terrorism but took on a sudden urgency with last week's events, in which several sites were disrupted for hours.

Many in the industry feared the government would cite the hacker attacks as evidence of the need to expand its role in regulating Internet security. But after Tuesday's meeting, many of the two dozen executives who sat down with Clinton said they were reassured that he had no such intention.

# DEMOCRATS PROPOSE NEW HEALTH PLAN FOR SERVICE MEMBERS

By Associated Press

House Democrats yesterday proposed a health-care plan for military personnel and their families that would eliminate copayments in the government's insurance program for active-duty personnel.

"We made a promise to take care of these career men and women and their families," said Missouri Rep. Ike Skelton, the senior democrat on the Armed Services Committee. "We must keep that promise."

Sponsors said the plan would cost at least \$910 million, far less than a broader republican measure offered last week and estimated to cost between \$8 billion and \$10 billion.

### KOSOVO REACHING A FLASHPOINT By Associated Press

NATO-led peacekeepers in Kosovo are facing their biggest challenge since the air war ended last June. Serbs and Albanians in the ethnically divided city of Mitrovica have been attacking each other for the past two weeks, and NATO has increasingly been drawn into the conflict.

Mitrovica has become a focal point for the combustible problems left unresolved by last year's conflict. As hundreds of thousands of Kosovo Albanians forcibly expelled by Serbian forces returned home last summer, the province's Serbian minority fell victim to numerous revenge attacks. Most Kosovo Serbs fled to Serbia. Many of those who did not moved into the northern part of Mitrovica, a city near the Serbian border. Mitrovica is now ethnically partitioned, with the area north of the Ibar River 90 percent Serb and the southern part mainly ethnic Albani an.

### **NAVY MAKES PLAN TO BUY FIGHTER**By Associated Press

The Navy said its upgraded F-18 Super Hornet meets the need for a new carrier-based strike fighter and is ready for full-scale production. Plans call for buying 548 of the new model E attack jets over 10 years at a cost, including development, of \$47 billion. If Congress approves, the first squadron could be deployed in 2002. Navy officials said the jet got the highest ratings possible during six months of testing. Congressional critics question whether the jet advances the Navy's effectiveness enough to justify the cost.

### SPORTS

#### NEW WOMEN'S SOCCER LEAGUE

By New York Times

Saying that the time seemed right, John S. Hendricks, chairman and chief executive officer of Discovery Communications, announced Tuesday the formation of the Women's United Soccer Association, or WUSA, a women's professional league scheduled to begin play in the spring of 2001. An investment group, headed by Hendricks, whose company includes the Discovery and Learning Channels on cable television, has committed \$40 million for the first five years. The new league will have a minimum of eight teams and may expand to as many as 12.

#### NBA SCORES

Philadelphia 93 Charlotte 95 New York 70 Toronto 91 Atlanta 103 New Jersey 86 Cleveland 92 San Antonio 81 LA Clippers 88 Miami 107 LA Lakers 88 Chi cago 76 Denver 107 Minnesota 104 Dallas 99 Milwaukee 112 Houston 107 Detroit 102 Boston 101 Utah 99 Seattle 114 Washington 85 Portland 92 Golden state 83 Phoeni x 117 Sacramento 108

#### NHL SCORES:

Philadelphia 2 New Jersey 4 Ottawa 5 Carolina 1 N.Y. Islanders 1 San Jose 4 N.Y. Rangers 2 Tampa Bay 2 Atlanta 1 St. Louis 4 Edmonton 2. Nashville 1

#### MEN'S TOP-25 NCAA

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### WOMEN'S TOP-25 NCAA

(1)Conneticut 85 St. John's 43 (4) Louisi ana Tech 95 Arkansas St 59

(8) Rutgers 56 Syracuse 51

#### DEATH SENTENCE SOUGHT

By Associated Press

Prosecutors will seek the death penalty for Rae Carruth in the murder of his pregnant girlfriend November 16th. Carruth and three codefendants are charged with firstdegree murder in the drive-by shooting of Cherica Adams. The death penalty also is being sought by the three co-defendants.

### DOLAN BUYS CLEVELAND INDIANS

By Associated Press

Larry Dolan officially became the owner of the Cleveland Indians Tuesday when he completed final details of the \$323 million purchase from Richard Jacobs. The sale was OK'd by major league owners last month and approved by the Indians' public shareholders last week.



Petty Officer Second Class Ryan Lippe, a hull technician aboard the USS BONHOMME RICHARD (LHD 6), prepares a bulkhead for welding. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Glenn Holloway.)